

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An agent for oxidative treatment comprising consisting of:
  - a) at least one oxidant;
  - b) at least one peroxide stabilizer[[,]];  - c) at least one polymer thickener selected from the group[[s]] consisting of
    - (i) copolymers of acrylic acid,
    - (ii) polymers with propyleneoxy groups,
    - (iii) copolymers of vinylpyrrolidone,
    - (iv) hydroxyalkylstarch phosphates, and
    - (v) alkali metal magnesium silicates;

and

  - d) water or an aqueous solvent; and
  - e) optionally one or more of: a nonionic surface-active compound, an amphoteric surface-active compound, a cationic polymer, a dye, an alcohol, a dissolution promoter, a buffering substance, a perfume oil, a defoamer, a lanolin derivative, cholesterol, betain, a swelling agent, a penetration agent, a blinding agent, and a dilute organic or inorganic acid or base;

wherein the agent is transparent.
2. (previously presented) The agent as defined in claim 1, wherein the agent is in the form of a gel.
3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The agent as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the oxidant is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide, alkali metal bromates, alkaline earth metal bromates, ammonium bromate, alkali metal persulfates, alkaline earth metal persulfates, ammonium persulfate, alkali metal perborates, alkaline earth metal perborates, ammonium perborate, alkali metal percarbonates, alkaline earth metal percarbonates, calcium peroxide and sodium iodate.

5. (previously presented) The agent as defined in claim 1, wherein the agent contains a bromate as the oxidant and has a pH between 7 and 8.5.

6. (currently amended) The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the agent has a pH of 2 to 6.

7. (currently amended) The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein the agent contains the oxidant in an amount from 0.1 to 25 weight percent.

8. (currently amended) The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, characterized in that wherein the peroxide stabilizer is selected from among the group consisting of dialkali metal hydrogen phosphates, p-acetamidophenol, hydroxyquinoline salts, salicylic acid and salts thereof, 1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid, tetrasodium 1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonate, tetrasodium iminodisuccinate, ethylene-diaminetetraacetic acid tetrasodium salt, and N-(4-ethoxyphenyl)acetamide.

9. (currently amended) The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein the agent contains the stabilizer in an amount from 0.01 to 2 weight percent.

10. (currently amended) The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, characterized in that wherein the stabilizer is a 2-component combination, the combination being selected from the following group consisting of:

EDITRONIC ACID and SALICYLIC ACID,  
EDITRONIC ACID and DISODIUM PHOSPHATE,  
TETRASODIUM EDITRONATE and SALICYLIC ACID,  
TETRASODIUM EDITRONATE and SALICYLIC ACID, and  
TETRASODIUM EDITRONATE and DISODIUM PHOSPHATE.

11. (previously presented) The agent as defined in claim 1, wherein the stabilizer is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 0.3 wt.% and the stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of TETRASODIUM EDITRONATE, SALICYLIC ACID and EDITRONIC ACID.

12. (previously presented) The agent as defined in claim 1, wherein the polymer thickener is selected from the group consisting of: ACRYLATES COPOLYMER; ACRYLATES/C10-30 ALKYL ACRYLATE CROSSPOLYMER; ACRYLATES/ACRYLAMIDE COPOLYMER; AMMONIUM ACRYLOYLDIMETHYLTAURATE/BEHENETH-25 METHACRYLATE COPOLYMER; AMMONIUM ACRYLOYLDIMETHYLTAURATE/VP COPOLYMER; CARBOMER; HYDROXYPROPYL STARCH PHOSPHATE; POLYQUATERNIUM-44; POLYQUATERNIUM-37; POLYQUATERNIUM-37, MINERAL OIL, SORBITAN OLEATE, PEG-1/PPG-6 TRIDECETH 6, C10-12 ALKANE/CYCLOALKANE; POLYQUATERNIUM-37, SORBITANE OLEATE, PROPYLENE GLYCOL DICAPRYLATE/DICAPRATE, PPG-1 TRIDECETH-6, C10-12 ALKANE/CYCLOALKANE; and SODIUM MAGNESIUM SILICATE.

13. (currently amended) The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1, wherein the agent contains the polymer thickener in an amount from 0.1 to 5.0 weight percent.

14. (currently amended) The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 13~~ claim 1, wherein the agent contains water in an amount from 50 to 98 wt.%.

15. (currently amended) The agent as defined in one of Claims 1 to 14 claim 1, wherein the agent contains an alcohol in an amount from 1 to 20 wt.%.

16. (previously presented) The agent as defined in Claim 15, wherein the alcohol is 1,2,3-propanetriol.

17. (currently amended) The agent as defined in one of Claims 1 to 16 claim 1, wherein the agent contains at least one cationic polymer.

18. (previously presented) The agent as defined in claim 1, wherein the agent contains at least one amphoteric surface-active compound selected from the group consisting of the carboxyl derivatives of imidazole, N-alkylamidobetains, N-alkylsulfobetains, N-alkylaminopropionates, alkyldimethyl-carboxymethylammonium salts with 12 to 18 carbon atoms and fatty acid alkylamidobetains.

19. (previously presented) The agent as defined in claim 1, wherein the agent has a viscosity of 100 to 30,000 mPa s measured at 25 °C with a VT 550 Haake Rotational Viscometer at a shearing rate of 12.9 per second.

20. (previously presented) The agent as defined in claim 1, wherein the agent is in the form of a 2-component preparation and is prepared just before use by mixing the pure polymer thickener or a composition containing the polymer thickener (Component 1) with an aqueous hydrogen peroxide solution (Component 2).